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REMARKS

The Examiner's remarks and cited references have been received and carefully considered. Claims 1-36 are pending and at issue in the present application, and originally presented claims 13, 16, 19, 23, and 24 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended is requested.

In the present Office Action, claims 14, 16-19, 23, and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants have amended claims 13, 16, 19, 23, and 24 to correct the informalities cited by the Examiner. The specific amendments are as follows.

Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 11, thereby eliminating the lack of antecedent basis for "said tab's" in claim 14.

Claim 16 and has been amended to eliminate the double inclusion regarding the terms "guiding segment" and "connection segment."

Claim 19 has been amended to eliminate the double inclusion regarding the term "tab."

Claims 23 and 24 have been amended to eliminate the double inclusion regarding the term "handle."

In view of the above amendments, the rejection of claims 14, 16-19, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is now rendered moot.

The Examiner indicated that claims 1-13, 15, 20-22, and 25-36 are allowed, and that claims 14, 16-19, 23, and 24 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In view of the above amendments overcoming the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, Applicants submit that all of claims 1-36 are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully solicited.

The remaining prior art made of record in the Office Action was not applied to the claims. Applicants have reviewed these references (Ohta and Gebka) and agree with the Examiner that such references do not teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that claims 1-36 define patentable subject matter and are in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully

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solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the patentability of any of the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at his convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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